

*Stated Meeting, February 15.*

Present, seventeen members.

Prof. FRAZER, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Prof. G. A. Matile, Mr. A. S. Letchworth and Prof. George Allen, recently elected members, were presented to the presiding officer and took their seats.

Letters were read:—

From the Rev. W. R. De Witt, State Librarian, dated Harrisburg, Jan. 31, 1856;—from the American Antiquarian Society, dated Worcester, Mass. Feb. 1, 1856;—from the New Jersey Historical Society, dated Newark, Feb. 2, 1856;—from the Corporation of Yale College, dated New Haven, Feb. 5, 1856, and from the Connecticut Historical Society, dated Hartford, Feb. 6, 1856,—severally returning thanks for No. 54 of the Proceedings of the Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Information concerning the History, Condition and Prospects of the Indian Tribes of the United States: Collected and prepared under the direction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, per Act of Congress of March 3, 1847. By Henry R. Schoolcraft, L.L.D. Part V. Philadelphia, 1855. 4to.—*From the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.*

Reports of Explorations and Surveys to ascertain the most practicable and economical route for a Railroad from the Mississippi river to the Pacific Ocean:—made under the direction of the Secretary of War, in 1853-4, according to Acts of Congress. Vol. I. Washington, 1855. 4to.—*From Col. J. J. Abert.*

Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXXI. No. 2. Feb. 1856. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*

Journal of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. New Series. Vol. III. Part 2. Philadelphia, 1855. 4to.—*From the Academy.*

Report on the Recent Progress of Organic Chemistry, made to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, August,

1855. By Dr. Wolcott Gibbs. Cambridge, 1855. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Science and the Bible: a Review of the "Six Days of Creation," of Prof. Tayler Lewis. By James D. Dana, Silliman Professor of Natural History in Yale College. Andover, 1856. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Illustrations of the Birds of California, Texas, Oregon, British and Russian America. By John Cassin, Mem. Acad. Nat. Sci. &c. Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Medical News and Library. Vol. XIV. No. 153. Feb. 1856. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*

The committee to which was referred Dr. Le Conte's paper on the Cicindelæ of the United States reported in favour of its publication in the Transactions, which was ordered accordingly.

Dr. R. E. Rogers exhibited Schönbein's Ozone scale and the test-papers saturated with iodide of potassium and starch used in connection with it. The scale consists of ten shades of blue, which are numbered from the faintest to the deepest tint. By means of this scale the ozone in the atmosphere, by its effect upon the test-papers in rendering them more or less blue after a given period of exposure, may be quantitatively compared at different times.

Dr. R. referred to some experiments he was now making, the results of which he was not yet prepared to report, on the disinfecting and antiseptic action of ozone, and expressed his belief that it is one of the most powerful agents in these respects, as it is known to be in its bleaching power.

The proceedings of the Board of Officers and Council at their last meeting were read.

Mr. Justice having taken the chair, Prof. Frazer called the attention of the Society to the recommendation of the Board of Officers and Council at their late meeting, with regard to increasing the salary of the librarian;—and moved that the laws of the Society be so amended that Article 7 of Chapter VIII. shall read as follows: "He shall receive such annual salary as the Society shall by resolution direct:"—Which motion, in accordance with the laws regulating amendments, is laid over for action at the next stated meeting, on the requisite notice being given.